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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : COMOR Biweekly Report on High-Level Coverage of Cuba

REFERENCE : USIB-D-41.14/74, (COMOR-D-24/90),  
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At its 3 October meeting, USIB, with Dr. McMillan, Director, NRO, in attendance, considered the subject report and with respect thereto, took the following actions:

a. Noted the referenced report and the supplemental remarks and data which were provided orally by Mr. Reber on the general adequacy of the coverage (except over Artemisa).

b. Noted, as reported by the Chairman, USIB, that he had brought to the attention of the Standing Group the apparent redeployment of surface to air (SAM) missile sites in Cuba from an area to a point defense, and the evidence of  Mr. McCone indicated this may mean the Soviets have made a judgment that total island defense by SAMs to protect against our observations of their missile installations is no longer in their program. If the SAMs are turned over to the Cubans in the near future, the SAMs may then no longer be under the restraint which has existed for the last year. This would pose a threat to the U-2 which might require consideration of various alternative measures.

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c. After brief discussion, noted the Chairman's request that DIA should remain alert to developments in this situation especially as it pertained to any possible reconsideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff of one of the alternative measures.

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Executive Secretary

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